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50/173. United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education: towards a culture of peace

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that, in the context of respect for the permanent values on which the United Nations system is based, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has, since its founding, worked to ensure the free circulation of ideas, to bring individuals and cultures closer together and to ensure respect for human rights, the effective exercise of democracy, justice and freedom,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 48/126 of 20 December 1993 and 49/213 of 23 December 1994 on the proclamation of the United Nations Year for Tolerance, and its resolution 49/184 of 23 December 1994 proclaiming the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education,

Welcoming with appreciation resolution 5.3 adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-eighth session, 1/ which invites the Director-General to implement the activities of the transdisciplinary project entitled "Towards a culture of peace", in particular unit 1, entitled "Education for peace, human rights, democracy, international understanding and tolerance",

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1/ See United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Records of the General Conference, Twenty-eighth Session, vol. 1, Resolutions, sect. IV.

Considering that the Plan of Action for the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004 2/ will make a fundamental contribution to understanding and peaceful coexistence among individuals and nations and is consistent with the transdisciplinary project entitled "Towards a culture of peace",

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the resolution 5.3 adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-eighth session, which contains the transdisciplinary project entitled "Towards a culture of peace";

2. Encourages countries, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to take all necessary action to ensure education for peace, human rights, democracy, international understanding and tolerance;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the progress of educational activities in the framework of the transdisciplinary project entitled "Towards a culture of peace".

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2/ A/49/261/Add.1-E/1994/110/Add.1, annex.